

**Agency: Natural Resources****Project Title:****Project Type:** Maintenance and Repairs

# Arctic to Indian Phase 1 Trail improvements - Alaska Long Trail

**State Funding Requested:** \$20,000  
One-Time Need

**House District:** 14 / G**Brief Project Description:**

Phase 1 improvements would flag and brush a winter trail. This route is part of the system of winter trails connecting Anchorage to the Iditarod Historic Trail and is one braid of the proposed Alaska Long Trail.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$20,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2023 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$20,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Phase 1 improvements would to flag and brush a winter trail. The Arctic to Indian "trail" is used by an every growing number of winter skiers and snowshoers, who make this highly scenic, nearly 30 mile trip. Most use occurs in late winter and early spring, when snow depths have increased to allow travel through the mix of forested, transitional and alpine terrain. This route is part of the system of winter trails connecting Anchorage to the Iditarod Historic Trail, and at one point was the most common route for pre railroad/pre highway travelers heading north out of Seward, and needing to avoid the shorter, but steeper, avalanche prone terrain on the Crow Pass Trail. This segment is proposed to provide a winter braid of the Alaska Long Trail.

Lead and Partners: Chugach State Park/ MOA (AWWU); JBER; Arctic Valley Ski Club

**Project Timeline:**

2023

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

AK DNR Division of Outdoor Recreation

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No